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SUBJECT: ISLAMIC CONFERENCE DONATION FOR MINDANAO EARTHQUAKE
RELIEF

1. SAUDI EMBOFF CONFIRMED NOV. 4 MANILA PRESS REPORTS THAT ISLAMIC CONFERENCE HAS DONATED US \$1 MILLION FOR MINDANAO EARTHQUAKE RELIEF. ACCORDING EMBOFF, MONEY WAS IN FORM OF CHECK DELIVERED TO PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR TO SAUDI ARABIA, LININDING PANGANDAMAN (CONCURRENTLY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ISLAMIC AFFAIRS IN DFA). EMBOFF SAID THAT DONATION HAD NOT BEEN EARMARKED FOR ANY SPECIFIC PROJECTS OR ACTIVITIES.

2. MONEY WILL BE CHANNELED THROUGH NEW "AGENCY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND WELFARE OF MUSLIM FILIPINOS," CREATION OF WHICH WAS ANNOUNCED OCTOBER 30 BY PRESIDENT MARCOS. THIS AGENCY REPLACES DEFUNCT FILIPINO MUSLIM WELFARE AND RELIEF AGENCY CREATED IN 1974 TO HANDLE EARLIER ISLAMIC CONFERENCE DONATIONS FOR MUSLIM REHABILITATION (WHICH WERE DISCUSSED BUT NEVER IN FACT MATERIALIZED).

3. COMMENT: INCLUDING ISLAMIC DONATION, TOTAL AMOUNT
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OF OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE RECEIVED FOR MINDANAO EARTHQUAKE

RELIEF IS APPROXIMATELY US\$2.1 MILLION. THIS INCLUDES
\$100,000 FROM US RED CROSS, APPROXIMATELY \$545,000
FROM US VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND \$100,000 WORTH OF
RELIEF SUPPLIES FROM THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA.
IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE WHAT
PROPORTION OF TOTAL RELIEF ASSISTANCE HAS THUS FAR
REACHED EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS. EMBASSY IS CURRENTLY
PREPARING MORE DETAILED REPORT ON EARTHQUAKE AFTERMATH.
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